Morgan-Grambling preview

New York-born Bears eager for Tiger battle

NEW YORK — It has been a long drought for Morgan football teams in their 12 - year series against Grambling.

After scoring a cliff-hanging 9 - 7 win in the initial Urban League classic at Yankee Stadium, the Bears have dropped 11 in a row. They next meet Sept. 13.

There are a number of players on Morgan's squad who hail from New York City — four are starters. "We've got to win this one in our own backyard," said cornerback Craig Spencer who played New York sandlot ball in the Buddy Young Football League.

The other starters are flankerback Clarence Holzendolf who led the team with 32 receptions good for 442 yards, co-captain and offensive guard Henry King, and offensive tackle Hans Ramsey. Place kicker and the team's leading scorer, David Booker, is also from the Big Apple.

Morgan posted a 9 - 2 record last year but one of the losses was to Grambling.

Grambling, as usual, will have a defensive front four weighing in excess of half-a-ton and bearing All-America credentials.

Grambling coach Eddie Robinson is touting defensive tackle Mike Barker who anchors the defense as a first round draft choice in the National Football League in 1981. Mike is a 21 year older, standing 6-5 and tipping the scales at 286 pounds.

Running back Robert Parham is back for his final appearance in the Classic. Parham has been the outstanding offensive player in the last two Classics, racking up record yardage and scoring honors.

Colts' Doughty award finalist

Glen Dought and Gene Upshaw are two of the three finalists under consideration for one of the National Football League's most prestigious awards.

Doughty of the Colts, and Upshaw of the Oakland Raiders, are joined by Ted Albrecht of the Chicago Bears in the closing stages of selection for the recognition as "Humanitarian of the Year."

Presentation of the award will be made Sunday at the 14th annual NFL Players Association Dinner at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The NFLPA will also present most valuable player trophies and nine statistical awards, as well as honoring the best offensive lineman, best linebacker, best defensive lineman, and best offensive and defensive rookies of the 1979 season in both the NFC and AFC.

Auburn ace sets 400-meter hurdles mark

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — James Walker, the former Pan American NCAA and AAU champion from Auburn, ran the fastest 400-meter hurdles in the world Sunday — 49.05 — to highlight the California Invitational track meet.

Walker, 22, also had the year's previous fastest time, 49.09, which he ran in the TDM Black Track Classic at Knoxville, Tenn., a week ago.

Dede Cooper, the former San Jose State star running in the intermediate hurdles for the first time in five years, was a close second in the good time of 50.06. Cooper earlier won the 110-meter hurdles in 13.66, defeating former Olympic champion Rod Milburn.

Among other champions crowned were Auburn's Willie Smith in the 400 meters, Auburn Track Club captain Harvey Glance in the 200, and Oral Roberts Track Clubs' Madeline Manning in the women's 800 meters.

AWARDS AS REWARDS— Youngsters of the basketball and wrestling teams of the McKim Community Center received trophies for outstanding effort last week. In top photo, coach Leroy Loving is shown with proud members of his basketball unit: Tommy Hart, assistant coach Thomas Rawlings, Darin Allen, Tim Randall, Emanuel Smith and Ron Kelley. Wrestlers (bottom) are shown with coaches Dwight Warren and Martin Compton. Presentations were made at the annual ceremony where principals Ernest Thayhill of School 139, and Mrs. Julia Woodland of Dunbar Community hosted.

Photos by Mark Gail

Preakness verdict no surprise

By Sam Lacy

The 3-1 vote of the Maryland State Racing Commission to uphold the stewards' refusal to alter the result of the May 17 Preakness at Pimlico, came as no real surprise.

The AFRO doubts seriously that the Firestones, owners of Genuine Risk, expected any other conclusion.

The hearing was like one conducted by a man investigating compliants filed against his brother.

At this desk, the most disturbing aspect of the commissioners' answer was the assertion that the sewards had made "a judgment call" similar to those made by umpires and referees in other sports.

That strikes as being puree and simple hogwash. If impires and referees in football, baseball, basketball, etc., had the luxury of making a call after "instant replays," it would be an acceptable comparison. They don't. The stewards did.

Perhaps it is true that the video tapes watched by a nationwide audience offered "no clear signs of bumping or brushing," but every tape viewed by the commission, and every still picture shown, clearly showed that jockey Angel Cordero steered his horse Codex well out past the middle of the stretch at a time when Genuine Risk was in full stride and about to pass.

On a race track as fast as was the Pimlico strip on Preakness Day, no jockey — unless he has evil intent — reins his mount six horses wide entering the home stretch. The simple rule of logic is that a straight line is the shortest distance.

Had the track been slow or muddy, running wide would make sense to get away from the inside rail where it is usually deep, thus slowing a horse caught in there.

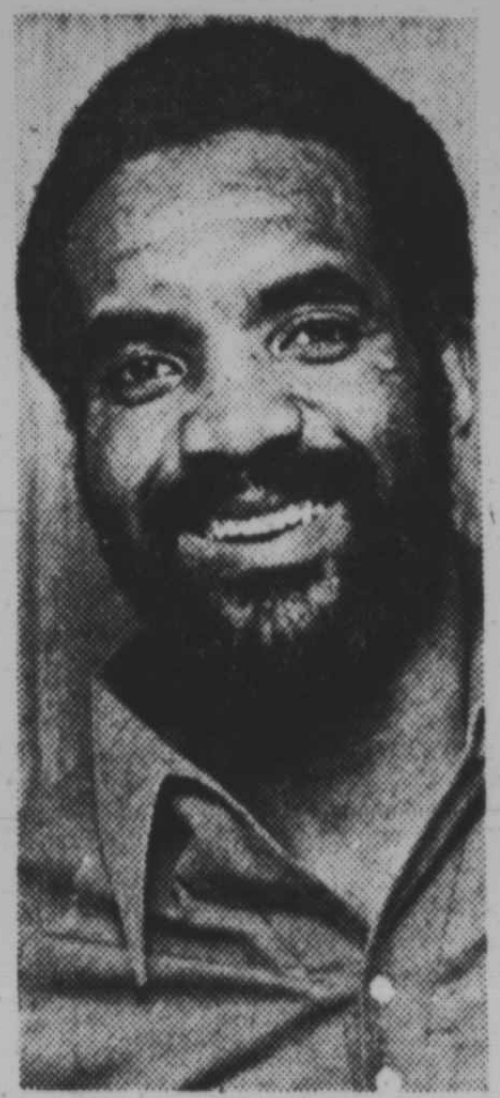
Also disturbing is the fact that the chief steward, J. Fred Colwill, displayed unmitigated arrogance when he explained at the hearing, his reason for ignoring a report by patrol judge Coley Blind.

Blind, son of the longtime starter Eddie Blind, was stationed at the head of the stretch and told the stewards' stand:

"Cordero (Jockey) looked back, knew she (Geniune Rise) was coming and carried her wide. It appeared it was on purpose."

Said Colwill: "I don't want Coley Blind's conclusion — I wanted my own. I've been around four or five times as long as he has."

At plus-70, Colwill has been seeing and walking at least 40 years longer than Blind, too. But does he see and walk any better?



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Bits o' brief

15 strokes back

Ron Terry, the only black survivor after the 36-hold cut of last week's Kemper Open golf tournament, collected $984 of the prize money.

The Aberdeen youngster's 72-hole score of 291, was 16 strokes off winner John Mahaffey's record-breaking 275 at the tough Congressional Country Club course.

Cage camp

The second annual McDonogh School Basketball Camp for Boys will be held July 21-Aug. 1 at the school, varsity head coach Paul E. Smith directing.

Rosa eyes Anne

BOWIE — Lloyd Rutt's Sub Rosa heads a probable field of nine for Saturday's $25,000 Queen Anne Handicap, to be contested over six furlongs here.

Dr. Penny Binn, owned by Moreton Binn, and Margaret Mancuso's Pre Supper are expected to provide the most serious challenge to Sub Rosa in the event.

Brown week

NEW YORK (UPI) — New York Yankee outfielder Bobby Brown, who batted .455 named the American League player of last week, it was announced Monday.

Brown, who is filling in for the injured Ruppert Jones in centerfield, belted four homers and a double in his 10 hits. He had 23 total bases and hit safely in all six games, driving in 10 runs.

10 Kilometer

Antietam National Battlefield Park in Sharpsburg, Md., will be the site of a 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) footrace June 8 to benefit the Maryland Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Application blanks for the race, which starts at 11 a.m. and features awards for age categories in male and female divisions, can be obtained by writing: National Park Service, Antietam National Battlefield, P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, Md., 21782; or by calling (301) 432-5124. Applications must be in by June 8.

No applications will be accepted the day of the race. For additional information call (301) 739-8997.

SAFE AT HOME! — Lake Clifton third baseman Bernard Owens scores first run of nine tallied by the Lakers in their 4-2, 5-1 sweep of Lutheran in the MSA "B" Conference baseball final. Lutheran pitcher Steve Reitenbach, covering plate, waits vainly for ball.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

Heisman to Canada?

The Cleveland Browns' No. 1 choice in the recent college draft — Heisman Trophy winner Charles White of Southern California — will consider defecting to the Canadian Football League if the Browns do not improve their contract offer.

"We aren't at all close," said White's agent, Mike Flanagan. "I'm very surprised by the Browns' offer.

"As a matter of fact, I'm shocked. I don't know if we can get together the way matters stand. The best thing I can say is relations are cordial and (Browns general manager Peter) Hadhazy is negotiating in a very businesslike manner. But we are not making any progress."

When told of Flanagan's comments, Hadhazy said he was surprised, but declined comment.

23 blacks on NBA squad to face U.S. 'Olympics'

When the U.S. "Olympic" squad begins its 5-game tour against an assortment of top players from the National Basketball Association June 16, it will be confronted by various units that will include 23 of the NBA's black contingent.

Here are the rosters:

LOS ANGELES, June 16: **Moses Malone**, Houston Rockets, **Elvin Hayes**, Washington Bullets; **Marques Johnson**, Milwaukee Bucks; **Norm Nixon** and **Michael Cooper**, Los Angeles Lakers; and **George Gervin**, San Antonio Spurs.

PHOENIX, June 18: **Sam Lacey**, Kansas City Kings, **Billy Paultz**, Houston; **Leonard "Truck" Robinson** and **Walter Davis**, Phoenix Suns, and **John Shumate**, San Antonio.

SEATTLE, June 20: **Jack Sikna**, **John Johnson**, **Walter Walker** and **Gus Williams**, Seattle; **Lionel Hollins**, Philadelphia; and **David Greenwood**, Chicago Bulls.

NEW YORK, June 22: **Michael Ray Richardson** and **Marvin Webster**, New York Knicks; **Nate Archibald**, Boston Celtics; **Darryl Dawkins**, Philadelphia; and **John Drew**, Atlanta Hawks.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 23: **Chris Ford**, Boston; **Bob Lanier** and **Junior Bridgeman**, Milwaukee; **Billy Knight**, Indiana; and **Armand Hill** Atlanta.

The participants were selected by the NBA Players' Association.

NBA stars in benefit

Several of his colleagues from the National Basketball Association have told Wes Unseld that they will join him in a youth benefit basketball game Monday (16th) at Morgan's Hill Field House.

Unseld, Washington Bullets captain who will be honored the following night (17th) at Martin's West, will team with other pros to oppose the Project Survival All-Stars.

Receipts will benefit the Project Survival youth basketball and educational programs.

Bentalou Bombers will meet Broadway Villagers in an earlier 6:30 contest.

Bowling classic

The fifth annual championship bowling classic offering guaranteed prizes totaling $8,000 will open at the Bowling Center in Crofton, Md., Saturday, June 7.

The event sponsored by the Championship Bowling Classic will feature men's, women's and mixed doubles and singles, with competition continuing until Sept. 1.

For entry information, call 301-559-1500.

Paternity suit names Vida Blue

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — San Francisco Giants pitcher Vida Blue is accused in a paternity suit with fathering a boy 13 years ago in Shreveport, La., and with failing to provide adequate support.

The suit, filed by Catherine White, asked for a court order to make Blue pay $1,200 a month in child support and Ms. White's court costs, estimated to be about $7,750.

The suit claimed that Blue had been providing "fluctuating sums of money" for the boy's support but it has not been enough. It said Blue, as a professional baseball player, has "sufficient income to pay the plaintiff any order or judgment that is the result of this action."

The suit said the child, Derek Wayne White, was born in Shreveport, La., Nov. 20, 1967. At that time Blue was a pitcher for the Oakland A's. He was traded to the Giants in April 1978.

Ms. White is now a resident of Alameda, Calif.

Vida Blue support not enough?

No black cardiac victims?

A news release announcing the inauguration of an American Heart Association celebrity-amateur golf tournament in Baltimore in late June, raised a serious question at the AFRO.

Does the AHA propose that cardiac problems affect only whites? That black people do not suffer heart attacks, and have no interest in fighting the disease?

The Baltimore-based association details the day's activities to include breakfast, lunch and golf at the Hunt Valley Club and listed the major participants.

Local TV personalities Vince Bagli, Tom Sweeney, Jerry Turner, and former Colt football player Tom Matte are the "celebrities" with whom the amateurs will have a chance to play.

All four are white, which raised still another question: Why not Willie Richardson, who is both a TV personality and an ex-Colt... and who is a better golf player than any of them.

The committee members also are all white: John Kafka, Charlie Dukes, Bruce Laird, Andrea Conlan, Patricia Wiles, John Haines and Bob Draucker.

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